

Interior designers share 6 living-room trends that'll be huge in 2023 and 3 that will be out

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Rounded furniture is in, but shabby-chic pieces have fallen out of favor. Followtheflow/Shutterstock; Anna Klepatckaya/Shutterstock

- Insider asked [interior designers](#) which living-room trends will be in and out in 2023.
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- The experts predict that curved furniture and ambient lighting will be popular in the new year.

Multipurpose living rooms are more practical for life right now.



Being able to relax and work in a living space is important for many people. Ground Picture/Shutterstock
Kendall Wilkinson, an interior designer at [Kendall Wilkinson Design](#), told Insider that people are opting for "layered" [living-room spaces](#) instead of following minimalistic approaches.

"This means they need to be multifunctional," she said. "Their purpose is to now act as a space for social gatherings and accommodate a modern work or work-from-home lifestyle."

The designer said it's best to have a space that allows for both "smaller, more private interactions" and hosting.

Curved furniture is on the rise.



Opting for furniture without harsh, straight lines can open up your space. [Followtheflow/Shutterstock](#)

Katie Labourdette-Martinez, interior designer and cofounder of [Hearth Home Interiors](#), told Insider we'll be seeing more curved furniture.

"We have seen a lot of curved sofas in 2022 — as well as accent chairs and benches — and the trend will only get bigger," she said.

The designer said pieces are especially popular when made with "heavyweight fabric like a bouclé."

Large, bold-colored furniture is trending.



You can play with colors in your living space.jafara/Shutterstock

Labordette-Martinez told Insider that people are incorporating [more color into their living rooms](#) through statement furniture.

"Another trend we see continuing in 2023 is larger pieces in bold colors like burnt orange paired with muted pastel paint and textiles," she said. "We love the juxtaposition of a soft blue/gray/white mixed with deep, saturated rust."

She added that the mix of colors makes the space interesting and gives it a "relaxing, sophisticated vibe."

Purple hues will continue to rise in popularity.



Different shades of purple can work with a whole slew of design styles. Procreators/Shutterstock

Marina Yu, a senior designer at [Whitehall Interiors](#), said purple will be a big hit in [living rooms](#) next year.

"The hue is versatile and has a tremendous range of shade variation, from periwinkle to mauve to aubergine," she told Insider. "We saw a lot of this shade and jewel tones on the runways of 2022, and now it's making its way to the interior spaces."

Ambient, comfortable lighting is in.



You don't have to rely on overhead lighting. Pixel-Shot/Shutterstock

There are many different lighting fixtures to choose from when [designing a living room](#), and Yu told Insider that ambient lighting is still a popular choice.

"We should see more indirect lighting coming from coves and eye-level fixtures, with wall sconces doubling down on form and function," she said.

"More so, sconces are becoming sculptural as statement pieces or artwork." The designer added that you can save recessed lighting for the kitchen.

We'll continue to see interiors following eco-friendly trends.



Neutral colors, sustainable materials, and greenery all fit the trend. Apinya Kurakhan/Shutterstock

Meghann Van Dorn, director of interior design at the [Architectural Team](#), told Insider that homeowners will continue prioritizing sustainability-inspired designs in 2023.

"This is reflected in everything from warmer, brown-based neutral colors to eco-friendly materials, biomimicry finishes, and access to natural light," she said. "Nature has a calming effect ideal for living spaces."

On the other hand, rattan is going out of style.



Other natural-looking designs have outshone rattan. Photographee.eu/Shutterstock

According to Sarah Bay, director of interior design at [Cura Interiors](#), rattan-heavy living rooms will be replaced by biophilic touches that make the room feel closer to nature.

"We are well past peak 'rattan-everything,'" she said. "In contrast to other materials, a well-placed rattan element is still a welcome addition, but these will no longer dominate any space, especially living rooms."

Fast furniture is falling out of favor.



Those who can't afford expensive furniture can look for second-hand options. Morsa Images/Getty Images

"Fast furniture" often helps homeowners save money, but flat-pack pieces from big-name stores aren't as popular as they once were.

"While they represent inexpensive opportunities to save money on switching up styles, the negative impact on the environment is something more and more people want to try to avoid," Bay said.

The shabby-chic trend is fading.



Farmhouse and shabby-chic aesthetics were big a few years ago. Anna Klepatchkaya/Shutterstock

Lucy Small, designer and founder of luxury showroom [State and Season Home Design & Supply](#), told Insider the popular shabby-chic trend is [fading out of style](#).

"Shabby chic just isn't as chic anymore," she said. "The whitewashed wood signs and farmhouse tables have become synonymous with something very widespread, so design clients are looking for something unique."